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SUBJ: THAI POSITION ON NATURAL RUBBER NEGOTIATIONS

REF: (A) GENEVA 3119, (B) KUALA LUMPUR 2429

1. ON APRIL 29 EMBASSY OFFICER DISCUSSED THAI POSITION ON CURRENT NATURAL RUBBER NEGOTIATIONS WITH DR. SERMLARD WASUWAT, DIRECTOR OF RUBBER DIVISION, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THAI REPRESENTATIVE TO ASSOCIATION OF NATURAL RUBBER PRODUCING COUNTRIES (ANRPC), INTERNATIONAL RUBBER STUDY GROUP (IRSG) AND UNCTAD CONSULTATIONS ON RUBBER.

2. DR SERMLARD CONFIRMED THAT ANRPC INTENDS TO SUBMIT NATURAL RUBBER PRICE STABILIZATION PROPOSAL INCORPORATING BUFFER STOCK CONCEPT TO SECOND PREPARATORY CONFERENCE ON RUBBER SCHEDULED FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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JUNE IN GENEVA. MAIN FEATURES OF PROPOSAL INVOLVE 1) SIZE OF BUFFER STOCK, 2) PHYSICAL LOCATION OF BUFFER STOCK, 3) PRICE RANGE OF NATURAL RUBBER TO BE MAINTAINED ON WORLD MARKET AND 4) AN ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE WITH VOTING AND FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS ON BASIS OF 50 PERCENT PRODUCERS AND 50 PERCENT CONSUMERS.

3. ACCORDING TO DR. SERMLARD, ANRPC MEMBER STATES WILL HAVE

DIFFERENCES OF OPINION ON QUESTION OF SUPPLY MANAGEMENT. THESE DIFFERENCES WILL BE DISCUSSED BY NATURAL RUBBER PRODUCERS IN GENEVA MAY 31 AND JUNE 1 PRIOR TO MAIN CONFERENCE. RTG IS TAKING POSITION THAT IF SUPPLY MANAGEMENT INCLUDED IN NATURAL RUBBER STABILIZATION PROEJCT, THEN VOTING ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE WEIGHTED 60/40 IN FAVOR OF PRODUCING NATIONS TO COMPENSATE FOR THE LARGE EXTRA COSTS.

4. DR. SERMLARD SAID RTG IN ANY CASE VIEWS ANRPC PROPOSAL ONLY AS QUOTE PRINCIPLES UNQUOTE WHICH ARE QUOTE NEGOTIABLE UNQUOTE WITH THE CONSUMER NATIONS. HE SAID RTG BELIEVES THE SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION OF CONSUMER NATIONS, ESPECIALLY THE UNITED STATES, ESSENTIAL FOR SUCCESS OF ANY NATURAL RUBBER PRICE STABILIZATION EFFORT. HE NOTED RTG FULLY AWARE THAT, GIVEN POTENTIAL COMPETITION OF POLYISPPRENE, ANY OPEC-LIKE EFFORTS BY ANRPC TO DRIVE UP THE PRICE OF NATURAL RUBBER ON THE WORLD MARKET WOULD ONLY BRING DISASTER TO NATURAL RUBBER PRODUCERS.

5. ON RTG RATIFICATION OF ANRPC PRICE STABILIZATION AGREEMENT, DR. SERMLARD SAID HE WILL PRESENT AGREEMENT TO NATURAL RUBBER CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE OF DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ON MAY 16; SHORTLY THEREAFTER AGREEMENT SHOULD GO TO RTG CABINET FOR FORMAL RATIFICATION. DR. SERMLARD EXPECTS RATIFICATION TO BE COMPLETED BY END OF MAY. (EMBASSY CONSIDERS THIS TIMETABLE OPTIMISTIC).

6. DR. SERMLARD EXPRESSED HOPE USG WILL ASSIST ANRPC IN DEVELOPING SYSTEM TO PROVIDE RUBBER CROP DATA THROUGH LAND SATELLITE IMAGERY (REF B). HE SAID ANRPC NEEDS THIS INFORMATION FOR EFFECTIVE PLANNING TO ENSURE ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF NATURAL RUBBER. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HE WOULD LIKE U.S. ASSISTANCE TO INCLUDE 1) PROVISION OF SATELLITE PICTURES ON LONG-TERM BASIS, 2) TRAINING OF APPROXIMATELY FIVE ANRPC PHOTO INTERPRETERS AND 3) FINANCIAL SUPPORT. WHITEHOUSE

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